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MEMORANDUM FOR: MPS, Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Comments on the Executive Director-  
Comptroller's Memorandum of 9 May  
1972, Archives, History, and Records

1. The following comments are per your request, to be considered in the preparation of a response to the Executive Director-Comptroller's memorandum.

2. The program outlined by the Executive Director would emerge more clearly if its three components, archives, history, and records, were treated separately with their inter-relationship pointed up by appropriate cross-referencing.

3. The CS historical program should be essentially autonomous, under the general guidance and coordination of the CIA historian.

4. If a centrally directed CIA historical program is to continue, the CS should participate in overall management. The CIA historian, or his deputy, should come from the CS. A CS representative should participate in reviewing the preparation of overall and other directorate histories. He should be able to monitor their readership and use.

5. There is a diffusion of CS information identifying operations, methods, assets, agents and staff personnel, in other directorate (primarily DDS) and overall Agency histories. As of now the CS does not review drafts of these histories, does not receive published copies, and has no voice in and is not informed as to their use and readership. Recommendations in paras 3 and 4 above would serve to improve this situation.

6. Beyond the purely historical objectives of preserving a record of CS activities over the years, the CS has its own internal interests in the preparation

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of historical papers. To be sure, the CS contribution to overall Agency history is, and will continue to be, substantial. Beyond that, however, the CS should be free to prepare papers for its own purposes, on subjects of its own selection, and in its own manner. In addition to internal CS use, these papers would provide valuable source material for papers of larger scope prepared at the Agency level.

7. Preparation of "catch-up" chronicles of DDP units will in itself be a substantial task. A list of uncompleted papers scheduled in the current program is attached. The names of writers are listed with those in preparation or partially completed. If field stations are to be covered in the "unit chronicles" there would be an additional dozen or so stations which were not scheduled in the existing CS historical program.

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Executive Secretary  
CS Historical Board

Attachment:  
List of uncompleted papers

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